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MEMBERSHIP AT NOON WEDNESDAY 341

Victory Banquet to be Held Friday Evening

Wind-up of the Membership Campaign Will be Fittingly Observed at the High School Auditorium.

COLONEL GANSSE TO BE THE SPEAKER

Harry Gerber, President of the Organization, H. E. Reece, Manager, W. W. Cushing, and Others, Will Give Addresses at the Function.

A whizz. That is what the committees in charge of Friday evening's big Victory Banquet of the Alma Chamber of Commerce intend the affair to be. A time for throwing off worries, work and dull care, a real evening of jollification for work well done, yet work that is scarce begun, as the membership campaign of the organization is only a small part in making it a success. From now on it is co-operation from every member, every minute of every day.

But the auspicious beginning certainly deserves to be marked by more than just a closing of the campaign, and that is the big reason for the evening of jollification, and it is for that reason that the committees that were appointed for this work are making every effort to make it the most successful event of the kind ever held in Alma.

Everyone interested in the Alma Chamber of Commerce can attend this function in the high school gymnasium. Tickets are procurable from any of the workers of the two regiments that are still seeking memberships for the Chamber of Commerce, or they may be obtained at Murphy's drug store, Brunner's drug store, or at the Wright House.

The committee in charge of the program is working with a vim, and promises some real addresses for the evening. First and foremost, the committee has secured the services of Colonel Gansser, who was to speak here a week ago and then was forced to cancel the engagement. Such a man is certainly an appropriate speaker for a Victory Banquet. Born in Germany, this leader of the 32nd Michigan, which won such fame on the soil of Europe, proved himself beyond question, and was honored by his government for his services in the war. Born in Germany, and one of those officers, who was not expected to be able to get across because of this fact, he pulled the strings. He went to France and did a noble work for America. Such a man is the principal speaker.

Harry Gerber, the president of the organization, who has been devoting nearly all of his business hours to the Chamber of Commerce for some weeks, is to speak. "Thanks" will be his topic. H. E. Reece, that hustling little manager of the better, bigger Alma concern, will have something important to say regarding "What the Membership Should Expect." W. W. Cushing, a third local speaker, is a real pep artist, and those who attend will get some, without a question, in his remarks on "Carry On."

The committee in charge of the program for the big event consists of Carl J. Milliken, chairman; Orville Allen, and Merrill Stuckey. C. V. Calkins, manager of the Wright House, has charge of the menu, and he also is promising a surprise.

GOOD MEETING

Civic League Held an Interesting Meeting Friday.

The Civic League held a most interesting and enlightening meeting, last Friday. Among other important steps taken for the well being of our city, the following motions were carried regarding the observation of the Christmas season. That a request be made thru the press, that a lighted candle be placed in a darkened window of each house, indicating that in that home there exists a Christmas spirit. Also that Christmas carols be sung throughout the residence districts, and especially in the vicinity of the Republic school.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during our recent bereavement.

Will Shong, Mike Shong, Jodie Fisher, Nell Sprague, Cora Vanderboek, Margaret Conley, Kittle Hubbs, John Shong.

IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of daughter, Pearl Faught, who left us the 9th of Dec., 1911. God's finger touched her and she slept.

Her Loving Mother.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Dates Set for Local Contests at Alma College.

At a meeting of the Alma College Debating and Oratorical Council, the dates for the local oratorical contests at which representatives will be selected to represent the college in the Michigan Oratorical contests later in the college year, have been set for January 5 and January 12.

The men's oratorical contest will be the first of the two to be held, this one coming on January 5, while the girls' contest will be one week later.

LORADO TAFT HERE

ON MONDAY EVENING

Noted Sculptor Will Appear at the Strand Theatre as Next Lyceum Attraction.

Lorado Taft, the sculptor who is to appear here on the Lyceum course Monday evening, is a native of Illinois. He was graduated from the state university at Champaign at the age of nineteen.

His taste for sculpture revealed itself when he was a boy of thirteen. A foreign sculptor had been called from Chicago to mend the statue of the newly acquired university collection, broken in transit, and young Taft watched him with growing interest and a desire to emulate him.

Throughout his school days and later college life he constantly pursued modeling in clay and thus laid the foundation for the fame which came to him after his studies in Paris, where he went in 1880. He studied three years in the Ecole des Beaux Arts and took honorable mention at the close of the first year and the first prize of the atelier at the end of the third year. After the close of his student life in Paris he returned to this country and became in 1886 instructor in the Art Institute of Chicago, which position he has held ever since.

He is a member of the municipal art commission of Chicago, a director of the Municipal Art League, a member of the National Sculpture society and was for two years president of the Western Society of Artists. He is one of the best-known sculptors of this country, and no one is more capable of learnedly reviewing art subjects.

During the Columbian exposition Mr. Taft frequently lectured in the Fine Arts building and came to be recognized as an authority on all matters relating to the works of art, as well as to his chosen profession. Two groups, "Sleep" and the "Awakening of the Flowers," by him, adorned the entrance of Horticultural Hall and excited much admiration.

Mr. Taft's sculpture includes the statue of Schuyler Colfax at Indianapolis, General Grant at Fort Leavenworth and figures on various monuments throughout the country.

Record want ads pay.

REPUTATION

C. H. Washburn Says Organization Is Needed If City Maintains It.

In a communication from the First State Bank of this city, relative to the needs of a real Chamber of Commerce in Alma, Carl H. Washburn says that it is necessary to have such an organization if the community is to maintain its reputation as a good city in which men, women and children, may live and develop satisfactory characters.

The letter is short, but full of meat. Read it.

Alma, Mich., Nov. 29, 1920

If Alma is to continue to develop desirable industrial, social, and moral conditions and maintain its reputation as a good city in which men, women and children may really live and develop satisfactory characters, an aggressive, democratic Chamber of Commerce under the right kind of management is as desirable for the adult population as is the public school for the education of its children and young people. Every family living here and accepting the benefits which this community offers may invest \$15.00 annually to a very good advantage in the maintenance of such an organization, which will enable us to do collectively or by thoroughly organized team work that which we could not do as individuals.

Carl H. Washburn.

HIGH SCHOOLERS TO DEBATE AGAIN

Conquerors of Elsie Team Meet St. Louis Forensic Artists at Alma.

The Alma High School debating team consisting of Phil Lewis, John Holmes and Elliott Crooks, which last week won a 3 to 0 verdict over the Elsie High team, is slated for another debate next week, meeting St. Louis High here on Friday, December 17, the same question as the one of the Elsie debate, being the subject for the forensic contest.

St. Louis is reported to have a strong team, and is expected to put up a far stronger argument on the negative side of the question than did the Elsie team.

It is being hoped that a far larger crowd will attend the coming debate than was present at last week's contest. The local school has a fine debating team and it is entitled to receive considerable support in its efforts to bring further debating honors to Alma High.

In memory of Ohio State men who lost their lives in the war, taps will be sounded every Wednesday at 10:58 a. m. during the school year.

WHERE THE KIDDIES MUST PLAY



In answering their questionnaires, a large number of high school students called attention to the need for fixing up the parks and for the construction of playgrounds in the city, and possibly they have been giving this condition more thought than has the adult population of the city, but certain it is that if the adults of Alma could see some of the places where children are now being forced to play, if kept off the streets, where at all times a certain amount of danger must lurk, many of them would demand playgrounds for the youth

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NEEDED

Red Cross Seeking More Alma Residents as Members for 1921.

DESERVING OF WIDE SUPPORT

Considerable Portion of Fund That is Secured is To Be Used in Local Work.

Is your name on the Red Cross Membership Roll for 1921?

If it is not, perhaps you do not fully realize how necessary an agent for the betterment of the world in general, the Red Cross is today. Every adult should renew his membership in the Red Cross, because it will out of harmony with the original spirit and purpose of the Red Cross, not to render the utmost service to the men who went to the great war, as long as such service is necessary; because the Red Cross must answer Humanity's call, by continuing relief work in other countries; because the Red Cross must stand prepared to meet any emergency from disaster by fire, flood, storm or sickness; because the Red Cross is co-operating with other agencies for information and information and instruction.

As to the first reason why one should join. The work with our sailors and soldiers and their families, is far from finished, for 78,000 wounded and sick are still in the hospitals, and 17,000 are still in Germany, on treacherous soil. Who can estimate the length of time necessary to bring our service to them to a successful conclusion?

Again, Mr. Livingston Ferrand, chairman of the executive committee of the Red Cross, who has just returned from Europe, describes the conditions there most graphically, stating that 11,000,000 children, left fatherless or orphaned from the war, must receive outside help. From 3 to 5 millions will be without decent shelter or care, while yet other millions are undernourished and underdeveloped physically and mentally, making the situation most grave. Dr. Ferrand continues:

"It is evident that the Red Cross can not withdraw from Europe, but must stay and help save her children and fight disease."

The third reason why needs no remark. As to the fourth it is to this end the Red Cross has a great program to conserve the health, in our (Continued on page three)

REVIVAL SERVICES

Special Week of Services at Salvation Army Hall.

Arrangements have been made for a special week of revival services to be held at the Salvation Army hall during the week of Tuesday, December 28 to and including Monday night, January 4. It is announced that Colonel Addies will have charge of the services, and that he will be assisted by Captain Furman, his musical assistant.

Workers Have Great Success in Campaign

Captains Leading Teams Out Today in Last Lap of Drive Enthused at the Prospects of Reaching Goal.

REPORT MEMBERS COMING IN RAPIDLY

Last Day of the City's Biggest Event Promises to Hold Close Attention of Everyone as the Mark Set for the Total Number is Approached.

Those forty odd Alma Chamber of Commerce workers who are digging in every nook and corner seeking memberships to the brand new organization, simply refused to be stopped in their efforts. Reports of their work at the noon day luncheon yesterday brought forth the fact that 341 real live residents of the city, had been buttonholed by the workers, and caused to affix their signatures to the membership cards.

The best part of it all is that so far the workers have had very little trouble in securing the memberships. They have been coming easier than most of the workers had anticipated, and naturally the near half hundred men who are doing this labor of love for the community in which they reside, have been encouraged to put forth still greater efforts in the drive.

Today they are at it again, with more vim and pep than ever. They simply will not be denied in their efforts to reach the goal which was set at 500 members before the drive comes to an end with the big Victory banquet Friday night. A few of the workers this morning were predicting that the 400 mark would be passed by noon today, but the more conservative, feeling that the ground is now fairly well covered, think that there must be some still greater efforts put forth in the closing day or two of the drive if it is to be brought to a successful conclusion, which of course must be the topping of the goal that was set for the workers when the campaign opened.

FOREIGN STUDENT Campaign Under Way to Raise Funds to Bring Foreigner Here.

A campaign is now under way among the members of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. of Alma College to raise funds with which to bring a foreign student to Alma college next year. There is every expectation that the students of the college will dig up the money for this purpose during the campaign.

Negotiations are now under way with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, with a view of securing the foreign student, with every prospect that the efforts will come to a successful conclusion.

FROSH AND SOPHS ARE STILL UNBEATEN

Interclass Basketball Title Clash to Be Fought Out by These Teams.

The Freshman and Sophomore class teams in the race for the interclass basketball championship at Alma college are continuing, the fast pace that they set in the first games last week, and both by virtue of victories Tuesday night, are still tied for the leadership in the title race, each having victories over the Juniors and Seniors.

The Frosh aggregation, Kirker, Arbaugh, Page, Hudson and Cathcart, met the Juniors Tuesday night and had an easy time scoring three points to every one for the Third Year men, taking the game by a score of 12 to 4. Both teams put up strong games, but the Juniors were outclassed from the first and there was never any doubt as to the final result. Kirker, Arbaugh and Cathcart displayed some fine basketball knowledge, and evidence of good floor work, although the team has had little work. The three men are looked upon as among the finest prospects of the Freshman class and are counted upon as strong contenders for the Varsity team.

The luckless Seniors had some more of their poor luck in the game with the Sophs Tuesday, and in spite of the fine work of "Hawk" French were able to score just one point against the Second Year men. The Sophs, led by Beattie's scoring attack, proved far too strong for the team from the High Brow class, winning with ease, the final score being 10 to 1.

The final games of the series, the Juniors and Seniors for the cellar title, and the Sophomores and the Frosh for the interclass championship, will be staged, probably on Thursday of next week.

TO HAVE XMAS TREE

The Royal Neighbors of this city, will hold a Christmas tree and exercises in the K. of P. hall on Wednesday, December 15. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the exercises.

The most curious thing in the world is a woman who is not curious.

AUXILIARY MEETS FRIDAY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion meets in the Legion rooms at the city hall, Friday afternoon, December 10, at 2:00 o'clock, for the purpose of sewing for the needy. The meeting is not limited only to members, and those who desire to aid in this work for the needy will find a welcome at this meeting, as their aid will be greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION

Belstrom Motors Co. Stockholders: If you are not able to attend the annual meeting at St. Louis, Dec. 14, mail or bring your proxies to my office over Economy Shoe Store, 77-1w Otto Sanderhoff.

Make this an electrical Christmas. You will find your needs at the Alma Electric & Battery Co.—sp. 1w